



# USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

## Weekly Egg Products Report

### December 23, 2004

## The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

**COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT** - Combined regional for week ending **23-Dec-04** average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
<b>This week</b>	73.00	72.50	65.50	76.50	72.08
<b>Last week</b>	73.00	72.50	65.50	76.50	72.08

**SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 23-Dec-04:**

**New York** 64-68      **Chicago & Midwest** 70-75      **California** 107

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 20-Dec-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)**

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
<b>Current week</b>	157.1	302.1	138.2	249.7	266.8	1113.9	176.1	1290.0
<b>% change PW</b>	-5	-6	-22	-17	4	-9	-13	-9

**Breaking Stock 23-Dec-04** - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
<b>Nest Run</b>	25-30	24-29 M 26-28
<b>Checks &amp; Undergrades</b>	12-16 M 13-15	12-18 M 13-16

**Eggs Processed** under federal inspection week ending **18-Dec-04**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	1,243,491	29,563	12,245	6,752	2,554	4,502
<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>	1,286,728	31,959	11,639	6,655	2,188	4,522
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	1,208,513	30,297	10,722	5,990	2,243	4,112
<b>% CHANGE PWK</b>	-3	-7	5	1	17	0
<b>% CHANGE LY</b>	3	-2	14	13	14	9
<b>TO-DATE 2004</b>	62,065,004	1,478,118	596,186	322,570	132,429	213,707
<b>TO-DATE 2003</b>	58,514,591	1,441,463	525,877	286,275	113,435	208,992
<b>% CHANGE YTD</b>	6	3	13	13	17	2

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)**

**Current Week:** 42.67      **Previous Week:** 42.57      **Last Year:** 42.30

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)**

**Current Week:** 39.05      **Previous Week:** 39.05      **Last Year:** 38.90

**National Liquid Eggs - 23-Dec-04** - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
<b>WHOLE</b>	3	25.5-28	26.33	-.50
<b>WHITES</b>	10	25.5-26.5	26.10	-.34
<b>YOLKS</b>	6	49-51	50.00	-.31

Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 43 to 46 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

**Frozen Egg Prices - 23-Dec-04** wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern		South California <sup>2</sup>	
Whole	36-42	M	37-39	37-41 M	37-38	44-48	43-46	
Blends <sup>3</sup>	TOO FEW	TO	REPORT			60-80	-	
Whites	39-44	M	41-44	42-44 M	42	47-52	47-50	
Yolks <sup>4</sup>								
Sugared	55-60	M	56-60	56-60 M	57-59	63-67	63-66	
Salted	53-58	M	55-57	54-57 M	55	58-65	61-64	

<sup>2</sup> f.o.b. shipping point

<sup>3</sup> whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

<sup>4</sup> minimum 43% solids

**National Dried Egg Prices - 23-Dec-04** - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.39-1.70	1.48-1.58
YOLKS	1.33-1.48	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.56-3.12	2.75-2.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.35-1.70	1.40-1.45

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 11-Dec-2004**

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,534	This week	333	This week	1,867
Last week	1,413	Last week	335	Last week	1,748
Last year	1,379	Last year	241	Last year	1,620
To Date 2004	66,912	To Date 2004	12,024	To Date 2004	78,936
To Date 2003	69,458	To Date 2003	10,584	To Date 2003	80,042

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 18-Dec-2004**

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,499	This week	292	This week	1,791
Last week	1,534	Last week	333	Last week	1,867
Last year	1,340	Last year	192	Last year	1,532
To Date 2004	68,411	To Date 2004	12,316	To Date 2004	80,727
To Date 2003	70,798	To Date 2003	10,776	To Date 2003	81,574

**Inspected Egg Products**

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Dec-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	388	0	40	428
Last year /1	358	0	0	358
To date 2004/2	18,457	36	856	19,349
To date 2003	16,581	96	551	17,228

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Dec-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	86	5	0	91
Last year /1	62	95	40	197
To date 2004/2	7,556	1,524	2,113	11,193
To date 2003	5,137	3,699	1,251	10,087

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Dec-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	15,266	22,463	4,220	4,776	0	46,725
Last year /1	33	2,940	6,430	2,432	1,560	0	13,395
To date 2004/2	392	182,513	359,944	122,094	327,197	16,790	1,008,930
To date 2003	603	39,128	142,703	64,987	184,952	14,222	446,595

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 30-Nov-04**

	Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)				
	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,955	1,028	10,129	3,123	17,235
Previous Month	2,888	1,321	10,052	3,616	17,877
Last year	2,654	843	8,290	3,122	14,909
% of Previous Month	102	78	101	86	96
% of Last Year	111	122	122	100	116

**National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 21-Dec-04**

**Total All Layers** on 01-Dec-04 totaled 343 million, up 1% from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for all layers on 01-Dec-04 averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

**Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers** on 01-Dec-04 = 285.2 million, up 1% from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for table egg type on 01-Dec-04 averaged 75.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Dec-03.

**30 Major Egg Production States** produced 6.98 billion eggs during Nov-04, up 2% from Nov-03.

**Egg Type Chicks Hatched** during Nov-04 totaled 38.4 million, up 27% from Nov-03.

**Eggs in Incubators** totaled 35.9 million on 01-Dec-04, up 10% from a year ago.

**Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks** = 225,000 during Nov-04, down 29% from Nov-03.

**30 SELECTED STATES**

**Table Egg Type layers** on 01-Dec-04 = 267.9 million, up 1% from 01-Dec-03.

**Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers** on 01-Dec-04 = 75.3, up 0% from 01-Dec-03.

**Layers in forced molt** on 01-Dec-04 were 2.5, up 0% from those in molt on 01-Dec-03.

**Layers with molt completed** on 01-Dec-04 were 23.5, up 4% from 01-Dec-03.

**Layers sold** during Nov-04 totaled 12.8 million, down 2% from Nov-03.

**Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason** during Nov-04 were 5.8 million, up 5% from Nov-03.

**Pullets less than 20 weeks of age** on 01-Dec-04 = 93.1 million, down 0% from 01-Dec-03.

**Pullets added** during Nov-04 = 21.6 million, down 1% from Nov-03.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

**PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS; PURCHASES NEARING END DATE: Dec. 22, 2004**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 608,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 15,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$224,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices	No. of Bids Accepted
		Inv. No. 14	
5-pound cartons	320,000	\$0.4164-\$0.4493	2 of 5
bulk tankers	288,000	\$0.3040	1 of 4

It is also announced that the purchase program for whole eggs is nearing completion.

Next offers under Announcement PY-284 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance	Delivery Period
			Not Later Than Date	
15	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Jan. 3	Jan. 7	Feb. 16-28, 2005

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 19 follow:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Cumulative Pounds</b>	<b>Cumulative Dollars</b>
5-pound cartons	5,563,000	\$ 2,960,000
bulk tankers	6,720,000	\$ 3,024,000
30-pound containers	515,000	\$ 256,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-284, Invitation 14, to be delivered from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15, 2005, follow:

**5-pound Cartons**

American Egg Products, Inc.	40,020 @ \$0.4493
Sonstegard Foods Company	280,140 @ \$0.4164-0.4433

**Bulk Tankers**

Day Break Foods, Inc.	288,000 @ \$0.3040
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In addition, on December 20, the following awards were made under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program:

**5-pound Cartons**

**Silver Wolf Enterprises	80,040 @ \$0.4224
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Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.